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SUBJECT: US-UK TALKS PREPARATORY TO ITU BROADCASTING
SATELLITE CONFERENCE

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1. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF BILATERAL US-UK MEETING
11 NOV.

2. MEETING OPENED WITH STATEMENT BY T.F.H. HOWARTH,
CHAIRMAN OF UKDEL, THAT CONFERENCE SHOULD PREPARE "PLAN
AND ASSOCIATED AGREEMENTS," PREFERABLY ON WORLDWIDE
BASIS; FAILING THAT FOR REGIONS 1 AND 3; BUT AS "BASIC"
CONSIDERATION, FOR REGION 1.

3. UK CONFIRMED VIEW THAT CONFERENCE NOT COMPETENT TO
REVISE RADIO REGULATIONS.

4. CONFIRMED BASIC PURPOSE OF EUROPEANS IS TO PERMIT
DEVELOPMENT OF TERRESTRIAL SYSTEMS; APPEAL TO AFRICANS ON
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OTHER HAND WOULD BE HAVING COUNTRY LABEL ON ORBITAL

SLOT.

5. CONFIRMED THAT EUROPEANS HAVE GIVEN LITTLE IF ANY CONSIDERATION TO PROTECTION OF FIXED-SATELLITE SERVICE (FSS) IN REGION 2; BELIEVE THAT UK WILL NOW GIVE ATTENTION TO THIS ASPECT.

6. STATED ITALIAN PROPOSALS (WARC, DOC. 11) WERE "GENERALLY" SUPPORTED BY EUROPEANS (WHO HOLDING CEPT MEETING AT ROME 11 AND 12 NOV., EXPLAINING ABSENCE OF BAPTISTE AND TEMPLE) AND SUPPORTED BY UK.

7. DISCUSSION OF SHARING CRITERIA REVEALED SOME AGREEMENT BETWEEN US AND UK PROPOSALS BUT IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES REMAIN CONCERNING SYSTEM PARAMETERS AND DEGREE OF PROTECTION FOR FSS IN REGION 2.

8. UK HAS GIVEN CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT TO WARC COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND AREAS FROM WHICH CHAIRMEN SHOULD COME, ALTHOUGH LATTER STILL FLUID AS EUROPEAN VIEWS CHANGING DAY TO DAY. COMMITTEES AND POSSIBLE CHAIRMANSIPS FOLLOW.

9. CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN: LOENBERG (DENMARK).

10. COORDINATION COMMITTEE WOULD BE CONTINUATION OF STEERING COMMITTEE UNDER CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN.

11. THREE WORKING COMMITTEES AS FOLLOWS:

(A) AGREEMENTS COMMITTEE, FORMERLY CALLED PROCEDURES COMMITTEE (NEW ZEALAND).

(B) SHARING CRITERIA COMMITTEE (EASTERN EUROPE); ENTIRELY TECHNICAL IN SCOPE.

(C) PLANNING COMMITTEE (EUROPE, NOT UK); WOULD DO OWN TECHNICAL WORK AND WOULD INCLUDE TWO WORKING GROUPS, ONE FOR REGIONS 1 AND 3 (EUROPE, POSSIBLY UK), AND OTHER FOR REGION 2 (BRAZIL).
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12. UK REMAINS OPPOSED TO INDEPENDENT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE.

13. FOLLOWING ATTENDED BILATERAL TALKS FROM UK SIDE (OFFICE AFFILIATION AND, WHERE NOTED, AREA OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY, FOLLOW EACH NAME): T.F.H. HOWARTH, CHAIRMAN (HO/RRD); W. GOLDSMITH (HO/RRD, REGULATORY);

M. GODDARD (HO/DRT, REGULATORY); J. R. MACKIE (PO, SPACE-
INTELSAT); M. A. GILBERT (PO, TERRESTRIAL); G. A. GRAHAM
(BBC); G. S. TANNER (FC); A. L. WITHAM (IBA); MISS S. E.
EAGLES (HO/RRD, SECRETARY). ALL BUT TANNER WILL APPARENT-
LY BE ON UK DELEGATION TO CONFERENCE, WHICH IS TO NUMBER
17. FCO RESPONSIBILITIES WILL BE COVERED BY OFFICER FROM
UK MISSION GENEVA.
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